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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawings currently of record with the attached replacement sheets containing Figs. 1-42.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) by containing handwritten characters, sketches, elements and notes that several figures contain illegible pictures, photographs, or photocopies. The Applicant thanks the Examiner and notes that replacement drawings are attached with this response that the Applicant believes complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). However, should there remain any further objections to the drawings, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the Applicants representative so that any remaining drawings issues may be promptly attended to.

The Examiner also objected to or rejected Claims 1, 5-5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18-20, 23, 24, and 26-28 for punctuation or grammatical errors or for failing to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting these discrepancies and notes that numerous amendments are made to the Claims to correct punctuation and grammatical errors and to provide consistent terminology and antecedent basis. The Applicant believes that the Claims as currently amended comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and do distinctly point out and claim what the Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner indicated that the base claims 1, 15, 18, 23, and 24 and the remaining claims depending on these rejected base claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. As noted above, the Applicant believes that the claims are amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

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SUMMARY

The Applicant believes that the subject application is in a condition ready for allowance and respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowability. The Applicant believes that this paper is fully responsive to the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in the Office Action, however should there remain any further impediments to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by telephone conference the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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